



# Republican Policy Committee

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## *After Criticism By Dole, President's Court Nominee Asks To Be Withdrawn*

### **President Clinton Plays Follow the (Senate) Leader**

This week President Clinton has been busy following the leadership of Senator Dole on a host of issues. Just this morning, one of President Clinton's liberal judicial nominees withdrew his name from consideration following criticism from the Majority Leader.

Clinton nominee Charles "Bud" Stack — well known in political circles for his fundraising prowess for the President's 1992 campaign and for others in his party — withdrew his name from consideration to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. Stack asked that his name be withdrawn after Majority Leader Dole made clear his concern that the personal-injury lawyer was ill-qualified to serve on one of the nation's second highest courts.

The Stack withdrawal confirms a developing pattern of the past week: President Clinton playing follow the (Senate) Leader.

### **Top Fundraiser for President Doesn't Pass Muster for Court Seat**

#### **Senator Dole leads:**

"Those who seek to sit on the Federal bench should be well-grounded in the basics of constitutional law. Unfortunately, Charles "Bud" Stack. . . does not meet this standard. . . . Apparently, Mr. Stack's most important qualification is his prowess as a political fundraiser. . . . I understand that Mr. Stack raised millions and millions of dollars for President Clinton and the Democratic Party, but does that qualify him to be on the next highest court in the land? I do not think so. That is not what the judicial system is all about." [Senator Dole, Congressional Record, 4/22/96]

#### **Clinton Follows:**

"Handing presidential hopeful Bob Dole a political victory, President Clinton on Thursday abandoned his drive to put a Florida Democratic fund-raiser on the appellate court bench. . . . Stack, who raised \$10 million for Clinton and other Democrats in 1992, asked the White House to withdraw his nomination after it became the center of Dole's quest to portray Clinton's judicial nominees as political cronies and liberals." [Associated Press, 5/9/96]

## **Clinton Agrees to Majority Leader's Bid to Repeal Tax Hike**

Just yesterday, President Clinton agreed with Senator Dole on the repeal of Clinton's 4.3 cent-a-gallon gas tax.

### **Senator Dole leads:**

"We should not be raising taxes. We ought to be cutting spending. The American people want us to cut spending, not raise taxes, whether it is a gas tax or some other tax on the American people . . . I will introduce legislation . . . to repeal the gas tax."

### **President Clinton follows:**

"If Republicans want a . . . reduction in the gas tax, then Congress should pass that — clean."

## **End the Minority Party 'Logjam' in the Senate**

President Clinton yesterday indicated he agrees with Senator Dole — who has worked all week to end the Minority-created 'logjam' in the Senate — to move legislation and get on with the business of the people.

### **Senator Dole leads:**

Senator Dole offered the other party separate votes this week on the gas tax repeal, the minimum wage increase, and the TEAM Act, (a bill which allows employers and employees to work cooperatively with each other), but the Senate Minority have forced Senator Dole to file another — 'count em, 65' — 65th cloture petition to break the Minority filibuster of these issues.

### **President Clinton follows:**

"All I'm saying is, when we have worked together in a bipartisan fashion, we've gotten progress. And I have never let the areas of disagreement affect my willingness to work with them to achieve agreement, and that's all I'm asking. I'm asking them to take the same position."

## **Senator Dole Continues to Lead, Where is the President?**

For 16 days the Minority in the Senate has held the Kassebaum Health Care bill hostage. Will the President follow Senator Dole's lead and help release the health care legislation from the Minority logjam, or join his Minority in the Senate and play politics with this important legislation?

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